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# **FY 2011 Farmland Conversion Annual Report**

**Division of Natural Resources**  
**March 2012**



## **Fiscal Year 2011 FARMLAND CONVERSION ANNUAL REPORT**

*"The natural resources of Illinois - land, minerals, water and air - are both finite and fragile. In the absence of wise use and consistent management practices, these resources are threatened by irreversible damage or loss. Protection of Illinois' natural resources is essential to guard the public health, safety, and welfare, and to assure an adequate natural resources supply and quality for use and enjoyment by future generations."*

**- Farmland Preservation Act, P.A. 82-945, § 5, effective August 19, 1982**

Enclosed is the Illinois Department of Agriculture's *Fiscal Year 2011 Farmland Conversion Annual Report* as mandated by the Farmland Preservation Act (505 ILCS 75/1 et seq.). The Farmland Preservation Act requires state agencies to consider farmland conversion in the planning and execution of their programs and projects.

The Illinois Department of Agriculture (IDOA) is authorized to administer this Act and to report annually to the Governor and General Assembly on the amount of farmland converted to non-agricultural uses as a result of state action. The Farmland Conversion Annual Report identifies the number of acres of land purchased, converted or possessing the potential to be converted from agricultural uses on a fiscal year basis.

This report does not reflect the total land converted by actions of state agencies during that fiscal year. Certain activities that converted agricultural land are exempt from the IDOA's review and, therefore, are exempt from farmland conversion reporting for purposes of the Farmland Preservation Act. The actual timing of the conversion is at the discretion of the state agency that has acquired the land or it may indirectly occur as a result of state agency regulatory functions.

Copies of the Farmland Conversion Annual Report can be found on the IDOA website at [www.agr.state.il.us/Environment/LandWater](http://www.agr.state.il.us/Environment/LandWater) or for additional information, call the Bureau of Land and Water Resources at 217-782-6297.

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**(July 1, 2010 - June 30, 2011)**

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**Land Purchased or Affected Due to Actions of State Agencies**

<b>State Agency</b>	<b>Total Acres</b>	<b>Cropland</b>	<b>Pastureland</b>	<b>Forestland</b>	<b>Other*</b>
<b>CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD</b>					
A. Schools	176	176			
<b>COMMERCE AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY</b>					
A. DCEO/Community Development Grants	104	104			
B. Enterprise Zones	6,296	5,680			616
C. HIB Wind Energy	1,215	1,215			
<b>ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY</b>					
A. Facility Planning Area Boundary Changes	11,329 **	11,329 **			
<b>DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES</b>					
A. Division of Grant Administration	412	220	77	41	74
B. Office of Realty and Environmental Planning	2,863		568	58	2,237
<b>DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION</b>					
A. Division of Aeronautics	153 +(17)	77 +(17)	27	47	2
B. Division of Highways	717 +(4)	668 +(4)	16	26	7
C. Division of Public and Intermodal Transportation	55	55			
<b>GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET</b>					
	0				
<b>ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION</b>	6,703	4,929			1,774
<b>DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE</b>	0				
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<b>TOTAL ACRES</b>	<b>30,023 +(21)</b>	<b>24,453 +(21)</b>	<b>688</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>4,710</b>

\* Other includes old fields, urban land, water bodies, wetlands, brushland, prairie, farmsteads, mined land, abandoned railroad, embankments and ditches; use can be residential, commercial or industrial, etc.

\*\* A breakdown by acres of cropland, pastureland, forestland and other land was not provided for this report.

( ) Denotes total acres of land purchased as permanent easements.

**CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD**  
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Land Affected by Land Acquisition For School Construction
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<u>County / City</u>	<u>Total Acres</u>	<u>Cropland</u>	<u>Pastureland</u>	<u>Forestland</u>	<u>Other*</u>
DeKalb/ DeKalb	80	80			
Lawrence/ Lawrenceville	49	49			
Macoupin / Gillespie	15	15			
Williamson/ Carterville	32	32			
<b>Total Acres</b>	<b>176</b>	<b>176</b>			

\* Other includes old fields, urban land, water bodies, wetlands, brushland, prairie, farmsteads, mined land, abandoned railroad, embankments, ditches; residential, commercial, or industrial, etc.

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*Data for the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) and Community Development Assistance Program (CDAP) Grant Programs were compiled by the Illinois Department of Agriculture (IDOA) from applicant project information submitted for determination of compliance with DCEO's Agricultural Land Policy and, thus, the Illinois Farmland Preservation Act.*

Farmland Affected by DCEO Funds for Large Business Development, Affordable Financing Public Infrastructure, Prime Sites and Business Development Public Infrastructure Programs

<u>County</u>	<u>Total Acres</u>	<u>Cropland</u>	<u>Pastureland</u>	<u>Forestland</u>	<u>Other*</u>
None reported					

Farmland Affected by CDAP Grant Funds for  
Public Facilities Infrastructure Improvements and Economic Development

<u>County</u>	<u>Total Acres</u>	<u>Cropland</u>	<u>Pastureland</u>	<u>Forestland</u>	<u>Other*</u>
LaSalle	78	78			
Pike	26	26			
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <span><b>Total Acres</b></span> <span><b>104</b></span> <span><b>104</b></span> <span></span> <span></span> <span></span> </div>					

\* Other consists of residential, commercial or industrial land use; includes wetlands.

# ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY

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Enterprise Zone Program
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<u>County</u>	<u>Total Acres</u>	<u>Cropland</u>	<u>Pastureland</u>	<u>Forestland</u>	<u>Other*</u>
Coles	175	175			
Franklin	40				40
Fulton	4				4
Henry	69	69			
LaSalle	43				43
Lee	35	35			
Livingston	132	132			
Macon	208	106			102
Madison	15				15
McLean	112	112			
Montgomery	85				85
Peoria	174	150			24
Saline	2,560	2,304			56
Whiteside	21				21
Will	2,547	2,547			
Winnebago	76	50			26
<b>Total Acres</b>	<b>6,296</b>	<b>5,680</b>			<b>616</b>

- Coles County EZ deleted 358 acres from their zone.
- Jacksonville/Morgan County EZ deleted 3 acres from their zone.
- Macomb/McDonough County EZ deleted 32 acres from their zone.
- Ottawa/LaSalle County deleted 110 acres from their zone.
- Streator Area EZ deleted 1,882 acres from their zone.

High Impact Business <i>Wind Energy</i> Program
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<u>County</u>	<u>Total Acres</u>	<u>Cropland</u>	<u>Pastureland</u>	<u>Forestland</u>	<u>Other*</u>
Ford	437	437			
Iroquois	364	364			
Kankakee	246	246			
McLean	168	168			
<b>Total Acres</b>	<b>1,215</b>	<b>1,215</b>			

\* Other consists of residential, commercial, industrial, and public/federal land.

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Facility Planning Area (FPA) Boundary Changes
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<b><u>County</u></b>	<b><u>Name of FPA</u></b>	<b><u>Requested Acres</u></b>	<b><u>Acres Denied by IEPA</u></b>	<b><u>Acres IDOA Recommended for Denial*</u></b>	<b><u>Acres Added To FPA</u></b>
Boone	City of Belvidere	1,100		480	940
Madison	Village of Godfrey	4,993	1,394		3,599
LaSalle and DeKalb	Village of Somonauk	740	740		0
McHenry	City of Woodstock	3,839		454	3,839
Pike	City of Pittsfield	3			3
St. Clair	Caseyville Township	1,634	1,000	678	634
St. Clair	Caseyville Township	953			953
St. Clair	Village of Millstadt	461			461
Will	City of Wilmington	No Ag review			900
<b>Total Acres</b>		<b>13,723</b>	<b>3,134</b>	<b>1,612</b>	<b>11,329</b>

\* Represents land IDOA recommended not be included within the FPA.

# ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

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### Division of Grant Administration

Land Acquisition by Purchase, Grants, Gifts,  
Administrative Transfers and Exchanges  
(OSLAD/ LWCF and Trail-Related Grants)

<u>County</u>	<u>Total Acres</u>	<u>Cropland</u>	<u>Pastureland</u>	<u>Forestland</u>	<u>Other*</u>
Cook	2				2
Fulton	3			1	2
Kendall	217	100	77	40	
LaSalle	52	52			
McHenry	128	57			72
Monroe	11	11			
<b>Total Acres</b>	<b>412</b>	<b>220</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>75</b>

# ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

## Office of Realty and Environmental Planning

Land Acquisition by Purchase, Grants,  
Gifts, Administrative Transfers and Exchanges

<u>County</u>	<u>Total Acres</u>	<u>Cropland</u>	<u>Pastureland</u>	<u>Forestland</u>	<u>Other*</u>
Cass	120				120
JoDaviess	105		47	58	
Knox	493		493		
Lawrence	2,006				2,006
Madison	44		28		16
Monroe	95				95
<b>Total Acres</b>	<b>2,863</b>		<b>568</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>2,237</b>

\* Other includes old fields, urban land, water bodies, wetlands, brushland, prairie, farmsteads, mined land, abandoned railroad right-of-way, ditches, etc.



**ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**  
**Division of Aeronautics**

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Fee Simple Acquisitions
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<u>County / Airport</u>	<u>Total Acres</u>	<u>Cropland</u>	<u>Pastureland</u>	<u>Forestland</u>	<u>Other*</u>
Sangamon/ Abraham Lincoln Capital	99	58		41	
Tazewell / Pekin Municipal	1	1			
Randolph / Sparta	17		17		
Will / South Suburban	36	18	10	6	2
<b>Total Acres</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>2</b>

Avigation Easement Acquisitions
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<u>County / Airport</u>	<u>Total Acres</u>	<u>Cropland</u>	<u>Pastureland</u>	<u>Forestland</u>	<u>Other*</u>
Sangamon/ Abraham Lincoln Capital	17			17	
<b>Total Acres</b>	<b>17</b>			<b>17</b>	

\* Other includes land in farmsteads only.

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**Division of Highways**

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Fee Simple and Permanent Easement Acquisitions
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<u>County</u>	<u>Total Acres</u>	<u>Cropland</u>	<u>Pastureland</u>	<u>Forestland</u>	<u>Other*</u>
Boone		/a			/d
Bureau	2	2			
Cass		/a		/c	
Christian	14+(4)	14 +(4)			
Clay	9	8			/d
Clinton		/a			
Coles		/a			
Crawford		/a			
Cumberland	2	1	1		
Effingham	3	3			
Fayette		/a			
Fulton	8	3	3	1	/d
Hamilton		/a			
Hancock	1	1			
Henderson	12	/a	11		
Henry	3	3			/d
Jasper		/a			
Jersey	42	41	/b		/d
Jo Daviess	5	1		4	/d
Lawrence	21	21			
Madison	2	2			
McDonough	349	331		18	
McLean		/a			/d
Morgan	196	192	1		3
Ogle	10	10			
Pike	1	1			
Sangamon	2	2			
St. Clair	7	7			/d
Tazewell		/a			

**IDOT Division of Highways Fee Simple Acquisitions FY 2011 (continued)**

<u>County</u>	<u>Total Acres</u>	<u>Cropland</u>	<u>Pastureland</u>	<u>Forestland</u>	<u>Other*</u>
Vermilion		/a			
White		/a			
Whiteside		/a			
Winnebago	24	19		3	2
<b>Total Acres</b>	<b>717 +(4)</b> 711 +(4) /6	<b>668</b> 664+(4) +3/a	<b>16</b> 16 +<1/b	<b>26</b> 26 +<1/c	<b>7</b> 5 +2/d

( ) Acres acquired as permanent easement; 4 acres total.

\* Other includes land in farmsteads only.

/6 Denotes total acres purchased by counties that individually acquired less than one acre.

/a 14 counties, each with less than 1 acre of Cropland acquired, for a combined total of ±3 acres.

/b 2 counties, each with less than 1 acre of Pastureland acquired, for a combined total of <1 acre.

/c 3 counties, each with less than 1 acre of Forestland acquired, for a combined total of <1 acre.

/d 8 counties, each with less than 1 acre of Other land acquired, for a combined total of ±2 acres.

**ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**  
**Division of Public and Intermodal Transportation / Bureau of Railroads**  
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<u>County</u>	<u>Total Acres</u>	<u>Cropland</u>	<u>Pastureland</u>	<u>Forestland</u>	<u>Other*</u>
Ogle	55	55			
<b>Total Acres</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>55</b>			

\* Other includes land in farmsteads only.

**ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION**  
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Land Certificated as Service Territories for Public Water/Sewer Utilities
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<u>County</u>	<u>Total Acres</u>	<u>Cropland</u>	<u>Pastureland</u>	<u>Forestland</u>	<u>Other*</u>
Jo Daviess	3				3
Lake	3				3
Marshall	297				297
Will	6,400	4,929			1,471
<b>Total Acres</b>	<b>6,703</b>	<b>4,929</b>			<b>1,774</b>

Land Acquired in Permanent Easements as a Result of the Issuance of Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity
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<u>County</u>	<u>Total Acres</u>	<u>Cropland</u>	<u>Pastureland</u>	<u>Forestland</u>	<u>Other*</u>
None reported					

Land Converted as a Result of the Issuance of Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity (Gas and Oil)
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<u>County</u>	<u>Total Acres</u>	<u>Cropland</u>	<u>Pastureland</u>	<u>Forestland</u>	<u>Other*</u>
None reported					

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